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### ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

## Buyers showing interest in Games & Lanes

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"More than a couple" potential buyers are considering purchasing Games and Lanes, the long-time eyesore's owner said this week.

David Peter, who bought the property in October 2015, said this week that the former bowl-

ing alley and fun center is "being looked at by various people," but no hard offers have been made yet. The property was listed by Springfield-based commercial real estate broker NAI Plotkin about a month ago.

Peter said the best use of the property would probably be to reopen it as a bowling alley and fun center. The 33,860 square foot

building is structurally in good shape, Peter said. Though the roof has holes and the interior has suffered from 15 years of neglect and abuse by vandals and squatters, the foundation and load-bearing elements remain in good shape.

He is confident he has the answer to the question that must be at the top of each developer's list — is the site environmentally

clean.

Part of the reason Games and Lanes was abandoned over the past 15 years is that redevelopment would require cleanup of groundwater contamination caused by drycleaning chemicals, dating back to the site's previous use as a uniform company. Peter said samplings of the groundwater underneath the building, else-

where on the 2.3-acre property and on adjoining properties this year have shown only "manageable levels of contamination." A second round of tests just finished, he said; third and fourth rounds are planned for later in the year, to even out seasonal differences in groundwater levels.

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### FORMER YMCA

## Family center steadily growing membership

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Despite starting out their new venture at a difficult time of the year, the West of the River Family Center, located on Springfield Street in Agawam, has been steadily growing in membership.

Executive Director Andrew Melendez reports as of this week, the center has more than 500 members, and the number is slowly growing each week.

"We are getting people to sign up on a regular basis," said Melendez. "We think once September

starts and things really get going that we will be very successful."

Director of Operations Ryan Rackliffe said there has been steady traffic in the facility, which includes a small gym and activity and meeting rooms. He said the number of people inquiring and getting memberships has also continued through the summer.

"I would say on average we are signing up about one new member a day," said Rackliffe. "For the summer, I think that is excellent."

There are a number of programs and exercise classes avail-

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### WADE PARK



Workers last week tore up the basketball court at Wade Park. A new basketball court, parking and a playground will be installed by September. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

## New playground expected by Sept.

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Work has begun on the transformation of Wade Park, with the removal of the old basketball court last week.

Sometime in the next two weeks, Parks Director Christopher Sparks hopes to see a paving company at work installing a new basketball court, paved parking

lot and walkways at Wade, along with the completion of the pickleball courts at Borgatti Field on River Road.

The centerpiece of the Wade project is a new playground to be built on the Franklin Street park. Sparks said the town solicited proposals from playground equipment vendors and chose structures that are different from

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## Need a lift?



Alyssa Dombrowski of Agawam helps her 2-year-old daughter Kenley from the cab of an Agawam fire truck at National Night Out last week. More photos on page 8. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

A crowd swarms the Massachusetts State Police helicopter after it landed at School Street Park on Aug. 2 for National Night Out.



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# Grateful neighbors cooking meals for public safety officers this summer

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With growing violence throughout the country putting public safety officers in the crossfire, some Agawam residents have decided to show their support.

Angie Jordan, an event planner and involved in the medical field, last month started a “meal train” website to help out the Agawam police and fire departments.

The train is set up online for a month, but Jordan is hopeful the random acts of kindness will continue to last throughout the year.

“I was really looking for a way to help support the Police Department, with all the violence that has been going on,” she said. “We all need to be supporting our public safety officers. They put their lives on the line for us.”

She’s using a website, mealtrain.com, which helps organize friends and family pitching in to donate food to a person or family unable to cook because of bereavement or some medical reason.

The website gives details about the person or people food is sought for, how it can be delivered, and what is needed. It then lists dates people can sign up to volunteer.

“I thought it would work it well to use this site,” said Jordan. “Police and firefighters need to eat while they are on shift, and they do not always have food readily available to them. It’s a nice way to show support by giving them something they can use.”

During the first two weeks of her endeavor, Jordan found success getting volunteers to bring food to the police and fire buildings, during all three shifts of the day. Some food donors have made their own meals; some pick up food from a restaurant and deliver it, or arrange for a delivery.

Among the restaurants making donations, Jordan says EB’s and Bruno’s Pizzeria



Shelley Borgatti-Reed delivers a meal to a police dispatcher as part of the Agawam “meal train” last month. SUBMITTED PHOTO

have made stops to deliver food.

Donations can be as large as a full meal for people, or as simple as some snacks like bagels, Jordan said.

“The officers are all so appreciative of whatever people bring,” Jordan said.

She is hopeful that after the month using the website expires this weekend, people will take it upon themselves to bring meals and snacks to the police and fire departments.

The donations have been much appreciated by public safety officials, especially during nighttime hours.

“We are very appreciative of the community’s support,” said Deputy Fire Chief B.J. Calvi. “It’s really nice to see people com-

ing out with these donations.”

Anyone interested in getting involved can start by visiting [www.mealtrain.com/trains/vv47rz](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/vv47rz) for a list of open dates.

Jordan reminds potential donors that for the police department, there are approximately 20 officers and dispatchers on duty during the day shift, and about 12 on duty during the second and third shifts.

At the Fire Department, there are about 15 fire and EMS officers on duty during the day shift, and about eight during the second and third shifts.

Anyone looking to bring something that is homemade should label what has been made, including key ingredients, so officers with allergies can be informed.

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## Register by Friday to vote in primary

The town clerk’s office will be open for voter registration until 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19. This is the final day to register to vote in the Sept. 8 state primary election.

Absentee ballots are currently available at the clerk’s office. The last day to obtain an application for an absentee ballot is Sept. 7 at noon.

On primary election day, which falls on a Thursday, voting will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the usual polling places in town. Ballots will include candidates for representative in Congress, governor’s counselor, sheriff, state senator and state representative. Registered members of a party will be able to vote their party’s ballot only. Unenrolled voters can choose a ballot: Democratic, Green-Rainbow, Republican or United Independent.

The clerk’s office is on the main level at Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam. The office is open weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 413-786-0400, ext. 8215.

## Lioness to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam Lioness Club is sponsoring a trip to Mohegan Sun on Sunday, Sept. 11. The cost of the trip is \$33, which includes the bus driver’s tip, a \$15 food voucher and \$15 free bet. The bus will leave from the Agawam High

School parking lot at noon.

Proceeds from this trip will be used for scholarships and various charities. To make a reservation, call Pat at 413-786-1782 or Rose at 413-786-5134

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## Urgent need at blood drive next Tuesday

The summer months are among the most challenging times of the year to collect enough blood and platelet donations to meet patient needs. The Red Cross urges eligible donors to give in the final weeks of summer to help overcome a critical summer blood shortage.

A blood drive will be held in Agawam from 1 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St.

Donors of all blood types are urgently needed to help restock the shelves. In appreciation for helping to save lives, those who come to donate blood or platelets with the Red Cross now through Aug. 31 will receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card claim code.

To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800-733-2767. Donation appointments and completion of a Rapid-Pass online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce wait times.

## Vendors sought for Harvest Festival

The Agawam Rotary Club is looking for vendors for its annual Harvest Festival to be held Saturday Oct. 15, at School Street Park. It will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For further information, contact Sue deVillier at 413-427-7947 or [sdevillier@bankesb.com](mailto:sdevillier@bankesb.com).



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## Boldyga joins calls for hearing on AG's gun ruling

BOSTON — State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, was one of dozens of legislators who recently signed a letter asking for an oversight hearing "at the earliest possible opportunity" on state Attorney General Maura Healey's decision to expand the state's ban on assault weapons.

"The attorney general's actions have generated a great deal of confusion and uncertainty," reads the letter from House Minority Leader Bradley Jones Jr., R-North Reading, and Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester. "We believe that an oversight hearing will not only help to address the many lingering questions that have been raised by the enforcement notice, but also will help to clarify whatever legislative action may be necessary moving forward."

The letter follows legislation filed by state Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westfield, who is seeking to curtail the attorney general's power to set regulations regarding the sale of firearms in Massachusetts. Boldyga is a cosponsor of the Humason's bill.

The backlash among legislators was prompted by Healey's decision to reinterpret state law to expand the number of

firearms prohibited by the ban on "copies" of assault weapons. In a press release, Boldyga said these firearms have been sold for years in Massachusetts, even after the assault weapon ban passed in 1998.

"It is imperative that the citizens have input when changing long established rules and an oversight hearing on the recent enforcement notice issued by the attorney general would allow citizens to have their say. This action occurred without legislative consultation, public comment, or prior notice. In my opinion, that is a completely unacceptable abuse of her power to interpret laws enacted by the Legislature," Boldyga said. "This issue is not one of public safety because these laws were enacted nearly two decades ago and have been in place since then. The fact that this interpretation caught citizens, the Legislature, and gun manufacturers off-guard is of great concern and a complete violation of public trust."

House and Senate Republicans had previously written to the Attorney General on July 23, asking her to reconsider her position and rescind her enforcement notice. Eighteen Democrats signed on to that letter.

## Coming events ease transition to kindergarten

The first day of kindergarten can be filled with joy and reservation. The Agawam Family and Community Program will host the following free events to help children prepare for their big day.

**Kindergarten Parent Café:** Tuesday, Aug. 30, 6:30-8 p.m. Whether it's a parent's first or last child heading off to kindergarten, this time can be exciting, nerve-wracking and emotional all at once. Topics will include first day tears and cheers. Attendees will learn some tricks from veteran parents and make new connections. This event will take place at the Agawam Senior Center dining room, 954 Main St. Registration is not required.

**Safety Bug bus safety:** Wednesday, Aug. 31, 3:30 p.m. This annual event is co-ordinated by the GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club. First-time bus riders are invited to learn about bus safety from the Safety Bug and take a short bus ride. Each bus rider will leave with a new book cour-

tesy of the Agawam Family and Community Program. This event will be held at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. To register, visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org) or call 413-789-1550, ext. 3.

**Kindergarten socials:** Tuesday, Sept. 6, 10 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. for Clifford Granger School and Robinson Park School students, and 11 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. for James Clark School and Benjamin Phelps School students. Parents and guardians are invited to bring students for a fun story time and a chance to make some new friends. Each student will leave with a new book courtesy of the Agawam Family and Community Program. This event is offered to Agawam students entering kindergarten in September and will be held at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Registration is not required.

All event information is available at [www.agawampublicschools.org](http://www.agawampublicschools.org) under "Special Interests."



Runaway June and LOCASH are the featured performers at the Kix Country Night SummerFest concert Wednesday, Aug. 17, at School Street Park. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Country Night closes concert series next week

Kix Country Night featuring Runaway June and LOCASH will be the featured performance at the Wednesday, Aug. 17, SummerFest concert. SummerFest is brought to the public free of charge by the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, the Agawam Rotary Club and the Agawam Cultural Council, with support from local sponsors. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the Darcy Davis Band Shell at School Street Park. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the air-conditioned Agawam High School auditorium at 760 Cooper St.

Runaway June, a new female trio consisting of the vocal stylings and musicianship of Naomi Cooke, Hannah Mullholand and Jennifer Wayne, is receiving rave critical notices for their brand of organic and melodic country music and has been likened to a "Dixie Chicks for a new generation."

It's an exciting time to be LOCASH these days. The duo of Preston Brust and Chris Lucas have enjoyed hit singles, sold-out concerts, and have tasted the top of the chart as two quick-rising stars. Recently signing with Reviver Records, the duo is



joining some of the biggest names in country music.

"We haven't felt an energy like this since the day we began our journey," said Brust. "This feels like it has all come together — the right label head, the right promo team. It finally feels like we've got all of our ducks in a row for the first time in our lives. We've been out there doing the grass roots thing for so long, and to feel it all come together, is so encouraging."

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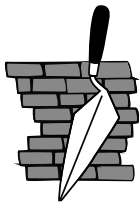
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# Opinion

OUR VIEW

## Let's talk about \$26M question

The \$26 million Early Childhood Center proposal deserves better than the runaround.

School Committee members say it's their job to identify the need and plan the spending — without addressing whether the taxpayers of Agawam, already on the hook for an \$8.5 million athletic fields project, have the stomach for another tax increase. Councilors say it's their job to act on a proposal submitted by the mayor — and he hasn't officially recommended raising taxes yet. The mayor says it's his job to work with the council — and he's not going to ask for \$26 million until he knows the council will support it.

In a legal sense, they may be right.

In a political, moral and practical sense, however, all of these elected officials share one job above all the others: It's their job to lead.

This is the School Department's proposal and they need to advocate for it. Up to this point, they've done a fine job convincing each other that an educational need exists for more and better learning spaces at the kindergarten and pre-K level. Now they need to convince the town's voters and municipal officials that the project is worth \$26 million of debt.

The teachers and schools themselves can't engage in political action, but nothing is stopping School Committee members and individual parents from organizing petitions, speaking publicly at council meetings, or writing letters to the editor to advocate directly to voters and put political pressure on the mayor and council.

This is the costliest and most important public works proposal facing the mayor and council right now, and they need to take a stand on it. When the town's largest department spends two decades asking for a new facility, then months working with architects, then presents a \$26 million plan, it shouldn't be a surprise and they should have an opinion — or, at the very least, a list of questions they need answered before they can form an opinion.

The mayor and the council president, who meet regularly to discuss the business items that appear on the council's agenda, need to get on the same page and find a way to bring this project to a vote. Perhaps that means taking a controversial stand now. Perhaps that means a public hearing jointly hosted by the town's executive and legislative branches, to further examine the project and gauge taxpayers' reaction to it. Perhaps it means a workshop meeting involving the mayor, councilors and school officials, so that the mayor and councilors can be convinced, like the School Committee was, that this project is necessary.

Perhaps the problem is simply that elected officials don't want to be seen as raising taxes or shortchanging schoolchildren. If that's the case, they should get out of the way and let the people decide by holding a special election referendum or putting the project on the 2017 town ballot — although that would mean a substantial delay and potential increase in cost.

Agawam didn't elect its School Committee, City Council and mayor to shy away from tough decisions and pass the buck among themselves. The proposal is on the table. It's time for the leaders to lead.

*What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).*

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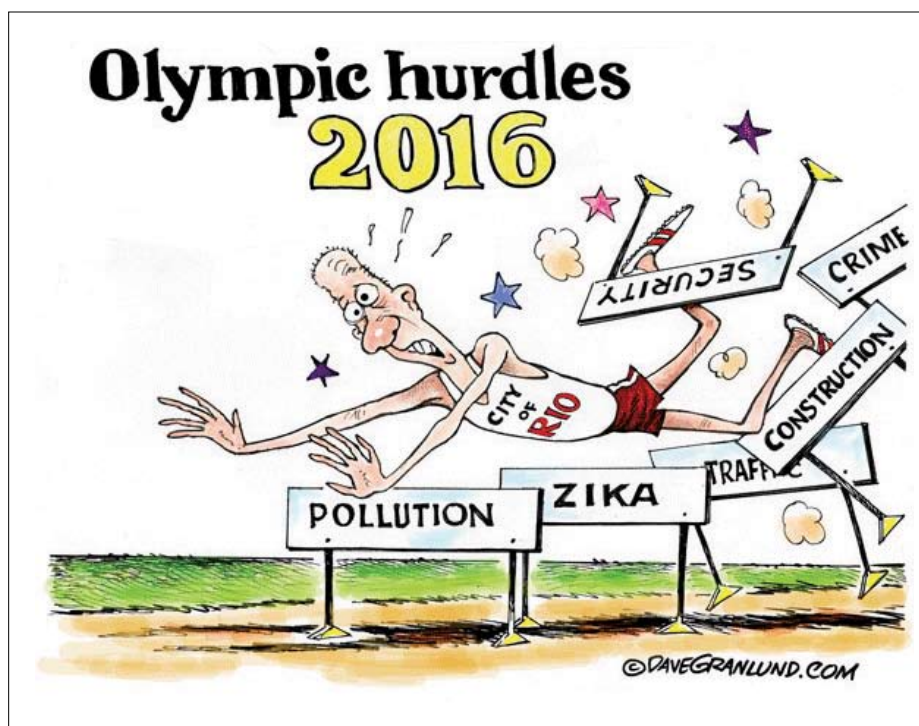
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## Letters to the Editor

### *Borgatti family touched by community support*

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of our relatives, friends, coworkers and acquaintances for your thoughts, prayers, cards, gifts, generous donations, endless phone calls, kind words, messages of condolences and support we received during our bereavement on the loss of our father, Ed Borgatti. The list of people we have to thank is long and that in and of itself is something we are thankful for.

We would like to give special thanks to a few people that went above and beyond. Chief Eric Gillis and the Agawam Police Department, along with the Fire Department, Aldo Mancini, the Veterans Council and the Agawam DPW coordinated a beautiful tribute to our dad during the funeral procession. Thank you to Fr. "Steve" Amo for an inspirational Mass. Along with Todd Rovelli coordinating the music arrangements and performances, the Mass at Sacred Heart Church was beyond expectations.

Thank you to Kurt and Paula Welker of Fitness First / Club One for going above and beyond to make the reception after a memorable tribute to our dad. The reception was catered by Mark Tansey and the staff of Partners. Mark went the extra mile to make sure everything was perfect and delicious and it was. Lastly, thank you to Mason and Ann from the Agawam Funeral Home. The funeral home was absolutely beautiful and their patience, cooperation, caring and professionalism was appreciated.

It is really heartwarming to know that so many took the time out of their daily lives to honor our dad. We will never forget it. We are blessed to live in such a caring community in a town that our dad loved so much. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

**Ed Borgatti, Shelley, Doug, Michael and Cassie Reed**

### *New ECC will benefit all citizens*

I am writing in support of moving forward as soon as possible with the construction of an Early Childhood/Kindergarten Center for the Agawam Public Schools.

The education of our youngest children is of equal or greater importance to the cost to the taxpayers. It is also important to recognize that the educational needs of all our elementary school children will be better met once the new center is constructed. Most people do not realize that space needs in schools today are vastly different from when many of us were in school, because of the greatly expanded special programs and services schools must now provide. Overcrowding and teaching or providing services in inadequate spaces is detrimental to our children receiving the high quality education we expect.

The average cost for a new Early Childhood/Kindergarten Center is estimated

at \$170 per year, per homeowner. This amounts to \$3.27 per week. How many of us honestly cannot find a way to save \$3.27 per week? There are property tax exemptions available for seniors, veterans and people who are legally blind, who are within certain income and asset guidelines or other criteria, for cases in which this would be a genuine hardship. Information about these exemptions is available from the tax assessor's office.

Our children truly are our future. We will all benefit from having well educated citizens and leaders in the future. They will come from the students we educate today.

I urge all residents of Agawam to have the vision to speak out for our children and ourselves.

**Corinne M. Wingard**  
Agawam

### *Another successful National Night Out*

The Agawam Police Department, in conjunction with the Office of the Mayor, would like to thank our community partners for their support and participation with making Agawam's fourth annual National Night Out a success. The following is a list of our community partners that have either donated resources and/or their time:

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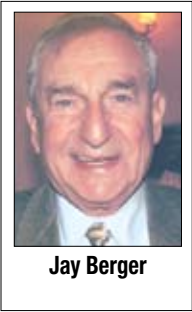
From biblical times to the present, it was and is important what the woman brings to the marriage. It's called a dowry. Rarely is there documentation relating to what the groom brings to the marriage.

During our engagement, Kitty had a series of parties, given by friends and relatives, and she accumulated a number of items necessary to establish a home. When we returned from our honeymoon in Canada, I brought my worldly belongings to our apartment. Some clothing, such as suits, trousers, jackets were on hangers, but the important items were all in a tall, wide and deep cardboard box.

Kitty sat with bated breath, wondering what I was going to unearth from this treasure trove. It didn't take long for the disappointment to settle in. The first items were boxer shorts, T-shirts, jockey shorts, socks, polo shirts, and button-down shirts. Wonder of all wonders, they were all of the same color ... "shocking pink"! My mother had knitted me a pair of woolen socks for the winter and had used a lot of red in them ... and I, being a great "doer of laundry," had washed everything together. Presto! Instant pink!

The next layer down produced my collection of "car glasses." One of the chain gas stations was gifting its customers with a different car glass every month if you filled up with their brand of gas. Over time, I was able to collect a dozen or so of different glasses. The layer below the glasses was my collection of beer openers. Every "guy" had to have his own openers. There were the kind that popped open cans, and then the kind that took the cap off bottles. The true treasure in this layer was one with an elk horn handle that not only popped cans, but also opened bottles. Kitty was on a trip through the west, and brought it back for me prior to our engagement.

One more layer down was my home appliances and other clutter. First was the toaster that only toasted one side of the bread. I rationalized that away by saying that I only toasted bagels or English muffins. Then came the blender that cut off after 10 seconds.



Jay Berger

After the blender was the eggbeater that worked better on my hair than on poultry products. There were other assorted items, too rusted to be of any use.

The bottom layer was the "piece de resistance." This section of the box contained old love letters from long ago flames. Kitty quickly consigned this layer to another type of flame with much higher heat.

At any rate, this box and its contents became over the years "Berger legend." Our son Joe and his bride-to-be Valerie were married in her home town of Akron, Ohio. As is the custom, the groom

(Joe) gives gifts to the male members of the wedding party. That is the ushers, best man, and in our case his father. A couple of hours before the wedding, Kitty and I were in our hotel room getting dressed and we answered a knock on the door connecting our room with Joe's.

Joe came in carrying a gift-wrapped box. Usually one would expect a tiny box with a tie-pin or cuff links or other small piece of jewelry. This box was about the size of a small carry-on suitcase. Gee, I thought, I need a new carry-on: "Thanks, Joe, I can use it!"

"Dad," he said, "I think you better open it first before thanking me."

I tore open the wrapping and got down to a large gift box. Gosh, I thought, he went all out for me.

I finally got the box open and let out a gasp, followed by a roar of laughter. There, piled in no particular order, were pink underwear, pink socks, pink pajamas and T-shirts. Followed by several beer openers, a car glass, and a rusty old toaster. At the very bottom of the box were several sealed envelopes with lipstick all over them. I was being honored after all those legendary years. I guess that the saying; "What goes around, comes around" still applies. Somehow or other, I think Kitty had a hand in this ... what do you think?

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Six Flags offers free pass for school supply donations

Donors who help "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies on Tuesday, Aug. 16, can earn a discounted or free admission to Six Flags New England.

The theme park at 1623 Main St., Agawam, will be collecting school supplies starting at 10:30 a.m. at the pickup-dropoff area in the main parking lot. The park will hope to fill a 40-foot Peter Pan bus that will be parked at the collection point. Those who donate 20 or more items will receive free ad-

mission on Aug. 16, National Roller Coaster Day. Those who donated six to 19 items will receive an admissions discount of \$20.16 that day.

All of the supplies collected will be donated to the United Way of Pioneer Valley's annual Stuff the Bus campaign, which aids disadvantaged children in Holyoke and Springfield. United Way will provide over one thousand backpacks this year to low-income or homeless children throughout the area.

LETTERS ■ from page 4

Sgt. Christopher Sanchez — Massachusetts State Police, 94.7 WMAS, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Relay for Life of Agawam, Jump Start Preschool, Alzheimer's Association of Western Mass., Moms Who Get It Done (the Be Kind move-

ment), Patriot Guard Riders, and One Call Away.

Robert M. Burke  
School Resource Officer  
Agawam Police Department

Kindness, simple idea brings town together

In a world that seems to be filling with darkness, a few families needed to show their children that there is still light and goodness. A simple idea was embraced with such enthusiasm by our community, that it became so much more than we ever dreamed.

Thank you Agawam for accepting, creating and donating to the "Be Kind" signs. Thank you for showing the children that people still care and want to help others.

We have lost count of how many signs were made. We are happy and humbled to see all the different signs around town. We are thrilled to see this project grow to other towns. Many asked what more could be done. So, the idea of accepting the offered donations and using them for a good cause was raised. We decided to use the money hoping for at least one Buddy Bench.

Well, Agawam, we are pleased to tell you that as of Aug. 7, donations and sales from

the Be Kind magnets are over \$2,600! Now, all our elementary schools and School Street Park will have Buddy Benches, thanks to you all.

A huge thank you to Bambi School staff and students, Charest Builders, Greenpro Landscaping LLC, Andy Halley, LHQ Danceforce, Most Builders and General Contracting, Rocky's, Typrowicz Home Improvement, Chris Sparks and Mayor Cohen for your time and donations.

Our tools have been laid down and our hearts are bursting with joy. Thank you Agawam for showing what a truly wonderful town we live in. Auggie Pullman in the book "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio says, "Shall we make a new rule of life, always try to be a little kinder than is necessary."

The Balzano, Fillion, Gaynor, Hotaling, Lovely, Luke, Newsome, Polley, Rua, Taylor, Typrowicz and Wolfe families

Stickers available for Sandlin's write-in campaign

Rosemary Sandlin, state representative candidate for the 3rd Hampden District, has stickers available for the Thursday, Sept. 8, primary election. Sandlin is running a write-in campaign to win the Democratic nomination for the upcoming general election. She must receive a minimum 150 write-in votes to make it on the ballot.

Voters may call 413-530-0269 or email rosemary-sandlin@gmail.com to request instructions and a sticker to place on the ballot. Sandlin, an Agawam resident, previously held the state representative seat from 2007 to 2011.

No other Democrats are running on the primary ballot. Agawam City Councilor Richard Theroux had earlier announced he would run, but withdrew from the race. The Democratic nominee will face state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, in the general election. Boldyga has no primary election opponent.

For more information on Sandlin, visit www.rosesandlin.com or her Facebook page, www.facebook.com/RosemarySandlin2016/.

The 3rd Hampden District includes Agawam, Granville and Southwick.

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FAITH MATTERS

The Spirit is moving us

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your young men will see visions, Your old men will dream dreams." Acts 2:17

Everywhere you look, you will find someone pitching a product that is "new and improved." Yet experience has taught us all that in the end, it all finds its way to the recycle bin or the local landfill, just like all the items that came before it. After a while, it becomes hard not to be a little skeptical towards such claims. So when we hear the promises of God, it's understandable that we may be a little temped in our response. Prophecy, visions and dreams. "Yeah ... right! I'll just wait and see."

Here at Agawam Congregational Church a lot of people have been waiting a long time for God's Spirit to move. Like many churches, our congregation has experienced an aging of its membership, a decline in its attendance and a shrinking interest in participation from the younger generations. This shift has fostered a growing awareness that something needs to change if we as a church expected to remain viable in the present and relevant into the future.

Over the last few years, there have been a growing number of people who have been praying for the Spirit of God to do something to move their church. Something. Anything. They could read the writing on the wall that said, "If we continue on the path we are on it will lead to our death." And they love their church, they long for it to revive, to grow, to move from maintaining a building to ministering to their community. And so they began to pray for a future they could not see but their faith encouraged them to believe in.

It was into this time of praying and waiting that I entered the scene a year and a half ago. In my time here, I have

preached, taught, prayed and encouraged as I have in all of my 28 years of ministry. It has been here at Agawam Congregational Church where I have experienced the Spirit moving as described in Acts 2:17. I

have found the ground fertile here for growing both the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and the gifts of the Spirit (I Corinthians 12:28-31). But it has been the growth of love that has most revealed the Spirit at work among us. We have seen in our prayer time, and in our time of fellowship, a growing sense of intimacy. People are talking about how warmer and friendlier our gatherings are becoming. The formal has given way to a more personal encounter. The Spirit is moving and we are waking up.

Much of what we are now experiencing is new to many of us, but it is not new to the Spirit of God. It is in the book of Acts that we see the beginning of God fulfilling His promise to pour out His spirit on all believers. The early church had to adapt to this new norm. They had to learn how to let the Spirit live in and through them. They had to become conduits of God's glory, healing, forgiveness and love. The more they gave up and over to the Spirit, the more the Spirit transformed them and their world through them. It is wonderful to read about; it is far more unbelievable to experience. For 30 years I have been praying for revival, for the renewal of God's church. In the last few years before coming to Agawam, I began to fear that I would end my life preaching in the valley of dry bones having never seen them come to life (Ezekiel 37:1-14). But here at Agawam Congregational Church, I have felt the wind begin to blow and I am beginning to hear the bones rattle. May God's wind reach all the way to you, your church, and spread throughout our entire community.

Greg Dawson is the senior pastor at Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street.

DEATH NOTICES

**Craig, Cookie**  
Died Aug. 3  
Memorial Service Aug. 10  
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam

**MacLeod, Lester J. Jr.**  
Died Aug. 4  
Funeral Aug. 8  
Agawam Funeral Home Inc.

**McCreadie, Jane**  
Died Aug. 1  
Funeral Aug. 8  
Curran Jones Funeral Home Agawam

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OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$75, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.





Heritage Woods residents participate in a parade during the opening ceremonies of the Elder Games on Aug. 8. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

## Games begin at Heritage Woods

In honor of the 2016 Rio Olympics, Heritage Woods Senior Living held opening ceremonies for the Elder Games, its own version of the Olympics, on Monday.

Competitions began this week in basketball, golf, throwing and volleyball.

Residents of the four "neighborhoods" at Heritage Woods — Apple Orchard, Heritage Avenue, Primrose Path and Shady Lane — are invited to compete for their neighborhood and cheer on their neighbors. The closing ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18.

Jessica Levine, the director of recreation at Heritage Woods, said the sports are modified to fit the residents' physical abilities. Basketball and volleyball, for example, may be played while seated in a wheelchair. The aim is to have as many residents as possible participating.

This will be the third time Heritage Woods has put on its own version of the Summer Olympics. The previous two, in 2008 and 2012, were well received, staff members said.

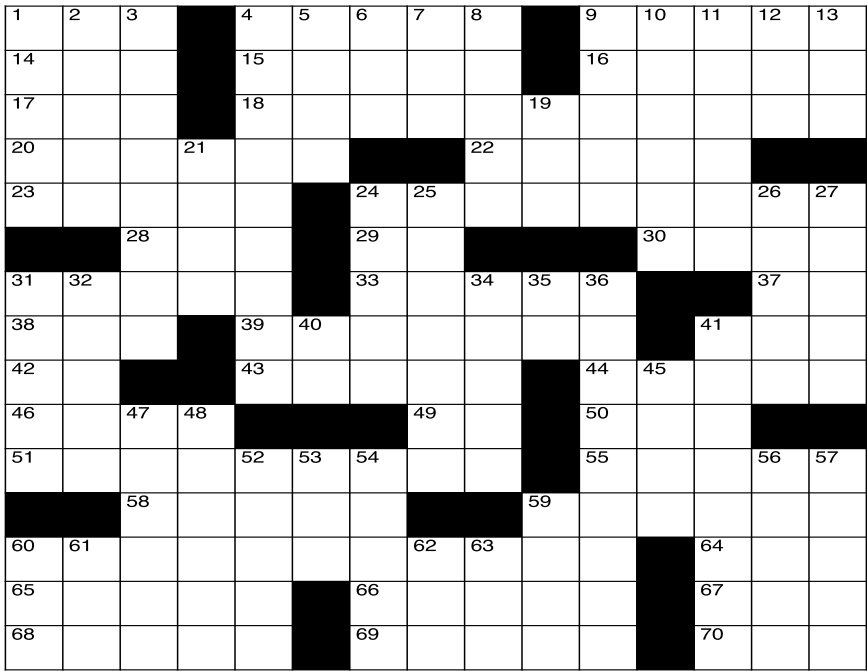
Heritage Woods is at 462 Main St., Agawam. For more information, call 413-789-8332 or email nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.



Residents of the Shady Lane apartments give their neighborhood's cheer during the start of the Elder Games.



The opening ceremony concluded with cake for all participants.



### CLUES ACROSS

- Greenwich Time
- Type of wheat
- Wreath
- Hesitate
- Hollyhocks
- Not even
- Former talk show host
- Rugged mountain range
- Greek muse
- Ancient Greek comedy
- Jeopardizes
- Singer DiFranco
- Calcium
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Gemstones
- Got the job
- Tantalum
- Red deer
- Not a pro

- Coffee alternative
- Aluminum
- Northern Italian language
- Smart \_\_: Wiseacre
- Sanskrit rulers (pl.)
- \_\_ hoc
- Mousse
- Closures
- Russian lake
- Small lunar crater
- Appear with
- Beginning
- Type of Chinese language
- Jewish composer
- Sensation of flavor
- Payment (abbr.)
- High-class
- Clocked
- Midway between east and southeast

### CLUES DOWN

- Shine
- They spread the

- news
- Indicates water limits
- Determines value
- Capital of Okinawa
- Chinese river
- Sign language
- Passover feast and ceremony
- Yemen capital
- A tributary of the Missouri River
- Sounds
- Andorra-La Seu d'Urgell Airport
- Korean name
- A metal-bearing mineral valuable enough to be mined
- Outer layer
- African nation (Fr.)
- From Haiti
- Polish river
- Paul Henri \_\_, Belgian statesman

- Retailer
- Supreme being
- Tears into pieces
- European Union
- Coerced
- She ran the Barker gang
- Send wire
- Optical device
- \_\_ Bond, civil rights leader
- Cigar
- Spiritual being
- Possess
- Thomas \_\_, English poet
- Dials
- Sharp mountain ridge
- Pigeon shelter
- Month
- Letter of the Greek alphabet
- A citizen of Thailand
- Suffix

## Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com), fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

### Friday, Aug. 12

EAST COAST GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E at 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$8 per person; children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult.

### Saturday, Aug. 13

CLOWNING AROUND FOR SHRINERS HOSPITAL family-friendly event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the VFW Post 872, 151 Point Grove Road, Southwick. All proceeds to benefit Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield. For more information, call Wendy Hart at 413-875-5743 or visit the Facebook event page, [www.facebook.com/events](http://www.facebook.com/events).

SPRINGFIELD HOCKEY HERITAGE SOCIETY from noon to 4 p.m. in the food court on the grounds of the Big E at 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$20 for members; \$26 for non-members. Visit [hockeyspringfield.org](http://hockeyspringfield.org).

### Tuesday, Aug. 16

E-ZPASS SIGNUPS from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam. Drivers can pick up an electronic road toll transponder; they must have photo ID, vehicle registration and a \$20 pre-paid toll deposit.

"MUSICAL MOMENTS" free concert at 6 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature the Russell Mountain Gang — bluegrass. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit [www.ameliaparkice.org](http://www.ameliaparkice.org).

FRIENDS OF GRANBY ELDERLY SUMMER CONCERT from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Dufresne Field in Granby, Conn. will feature King Kountry. Free will offering. Bring chairs, blankets and bug spray.

### Wednesday, Aug. 17

KIX COUNTRY NIGHT, the free Summerfest concert at School Street Park in Agawam, begins at 7 p.m. and will feature Runaway June and LOCASH.

MASSACHUSETTS MORGAN HORSE SHOW from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

### Thursday, Aug. 18

FAITH ON FIRE Catholic Rally 6-9 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This two-evening celebration, continuing Friday, will include praise and worship music, speakers, prayers and ceremonies. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A free will offering will be taken up each night.

THE WALL THAT HEALS in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission. It will be open 24 hours a day today through Sunday. Sponsored by the West Springfield Veterans Services office.

### Friday, Aug. 19

FAITH ON FIRE Catholic Rally 6-9 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Continued from Aug. 18.

### Saturday, Aug. 20

"MIRACLE" FILM to be shown outdoors at Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Rain date is Aug. 27.

### Tuesday, Aug. 23

"MUSICAL MOMENTS" free concert at 6 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature Cory & the Knightsmen Band. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit [www.ameliaparkice.org](http://www.ameliaparkice.org).

### Thursday, Aug. 25

THE NEWTOWN KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today through Saturday in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

THE NORTHEAST REINING HORSE SHOW from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. today through Sunday in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

### Friday, Aug. 26

THE NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

### Sunday, Aug. 28

THE ELM CITY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

### Sunday, Sept. 11

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-789-2061.

## Agawam Senior Center

### Lunch Menu

- Monday, Aug. 15:** Hamburg gravy over mashed potatoes, dilled carrots, plums.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16:** Chicken cacciatore, peppers and onions, pasta and sauce, Jell-O.
- Wednesday, Aug. 17:** Beef barley soup, egg salad sandwich, coleslaw, pudding.
- Thursday, Aug. 18:** Italian herb roasted chicken, baby potatoes, California blend vegetables, baked good.
- Friday, Aug. 19:** Baked fish, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit.

### Calendar of Events

**Monday, Aug. 15:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 2 p.m., monthly dance with Richie Mitnick; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

- Tuesday, Aug. 16:** S.H.I.N.E. rep. available (by appt.); 9 a.m., knitting class, summer exercise; 9:30 a.m., shuffleboard at St. John's Field; noon, ladies only billiards; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game, blood drive (1-8 p.m.); 6 p.m., beginner line dance.
- Wednesday, Aug. 17:** CPA Jack Welch available (by appt.); 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., ballroom lessons, scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
- Thursday, Aug. 18:** 9 a.m., last summer exercise class; 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch; 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dancing.
- Friday, Aug. 19:** 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art class; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., poker.

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## People of All Ages Read Newspapers

In a typical week two-thirds of young adults age 18-34 read newspapers in print or online. Especially given the fragmentation of other media, newspaper advertising is the best way for advertisers to reach a critical mass of young people in a market.



# Public Safety

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 325 calls for service from Aug. 1 to Aug. 7. The department recorded four arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Monday, Aug. 1

Jamal Vick, 31, of Fernwood Road, Southwick, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

### Wednesday, Aug. 3

Eric C. Richards, 36, of Franklin Street, Agawam, was arrested on charges of failure to provide DNA and carrying a dangerous weapon.

### Thursday, Aug. 4

Shmuel Cyprys, 19, of Lymmouth Road, London, England, was arrested on charges of trespassing and disorderly conduct.

A male juvenile from Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 69 EMS calls from July 26 to Aug. 1, and the following emergency response calls.

On July 26 at 8:28 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street, was dispatched and cancelled en route.

On July 26 at 9:06 a.m., the department responded to Wright Street to assist invalid.

On July 26 at 3:57 p.m., the department responded to Rowley Street for fire, other.

On July 26 at 4:01 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

On July 26 at 4:26 p.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for lockout.

On July 26 at 5:59 p.m., the department responded to Adams Street to assist invalid.

On July 26 at 11:40 p.m., the department responded to Independence Road for outside mailbox fire.

On July 27 at 8:49 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On July 27 at 9:17 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On July 28 at 6:37 p.m., the department responded to S. Westfield Street for grass fire.

On July 29 at 2:43 p.m., the department responded to Ellington Avenue for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On July 29 at 6:34 p.m., the department responded to Simpson Circle for citizen complaint.

On July 30 at 10:36 p.m., the department responded to Raymond Circle for public service.

On July 31 at 8:24 a.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On July 31 at 8:53 p.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.

On Aug. 1 at 8:20 a.m., the department responded to Northwood Street to assist invalid.

On Aug. 1 at 1:35 p.m., the department responded to Stillbrook Lane to assist invalid.

On Aug. 1 at 2:51 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

On Aug. 1 at 10:25 p.m., the department responded to North Street with no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.

# Legals

## LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the Petition of Murphy's Pub c/o Thomas Murphy for a proposed Zone Change Plan for 0 Suffield Street and 83 Mill Street, Agawam, MA. (Parcel IDs# 19-2-27 and #19-2-29) The Zone Change request is to allow the parcel to be rezoned to Business A in its entirety. A copy of the proposed Zone Change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam City Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:  
**James P. Cichetti**  
City Council President  
8/11,8/18/16

I15-5-4) The Zone Change request is to allow the parcel to be rezoned to Residence B District. A copy of the proposed Zone Change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam City Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:  
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## AGAWAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Agawam Historical Commission will be holding a public hearing at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 23, 2016**, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the Demolition Permit for 443 North West Street which comes under the Town of Agawam's Demolition Delay Ordinance.

By Order of **David Cecchi**,  
Chairman  
AGAWAM HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION  
8/4,8/11/16

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

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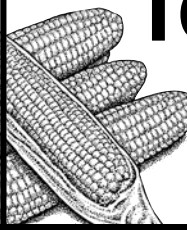
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This Chrysler was originally a sedan — until the Agawam Fire Department’s demonstration of the Jaws of Life turned it into a convertible. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

# ‘Great’ turnout for neighborly Night Out

By Mike Lydick  
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Agawam’s second National Night Out at School Street Park saw the fourth-year event’s largest turnout ever as people came to learn about the public safety agencies that protect them and also enjoy the neighborhood camaraderie on Aug. 2.

Sponsored again by the mayor’s office and the Agawam Police Department, the event is designed to feel similar to an old-fashioned neighborhood block party with many community groups participating. The primary goal of the free 2 1/2-hour evening event is to promote police-community partnerships.

He called the turnout “great,” saying he was “very excited about seeing so many people” at NNO. He said the crowd appeared to be even larger than last year’s National Night Out, which was attended by more than 1,000 people. And many of those who came stayed late to listen to a free performance by a local band, Cory & Knightsmen, at the park’s new Darcy B. Davis Jr. Band Shell.

“This year was the most successful NNO to date,” said Burke. “It’s only our fourth year having this event and it has grown way past my expectations. I couldn’t be happier with how it’s going. I can only hope that next year is even bigger. My only problem is how to make it even better.”



Agawam resident David Owens felt like a kid again when he climbed inside one of Agawam’s fire trucks.



Wyatt Gouvin, 6, far left, of Agawam, his cousin Everette Ferreira, 4, center, of Windsor Locks, Conn., and Wyatt’s sister Vivian Gouvin, 10, were drawn to the AFD’s newest emergency apparatus — a John Deere utility terrain vehicle that helps first responders rescue victims in remote areas.



Emaleigh Bozak, 7, of Agawam, is fingerprinted as part of a free child identification kit provided by the Elm-Belcher Masonic Lodge in Agawam.

According to Agawam Police Officer Robert Burke, who organized the event, among the events that were a “hit” at National Night Out were car seat safety checks — new this year; the Agawam Fire Department chopping up an old car with its Jaws of Life tools; the Massachusetts State Police showing of its K-9 unit and its helicopter; and people flocking to pick up inspiring “Be Kind” signs.

“I can’t think of anything that wasn’t a big hit,” he added. He said all the feedback he’s heard has been positive, with many people saying they are excited about what he will plan for next year’s Night Out.



Sage Kennedy, an Agawam probation officer, looks in the window of an Agawam police cruiser as her nephews Luis Espejo and Sherquite Thomas sit in the front seats checking out all the equipment.



Landon Fay, 4, of Agawam had the chance to sit on a motorcycle owned by David Sutton of Southwick. Sutton is a member of a group of motorcycle veterans known as the Patriot Guard Riders who travel to military funerals, and president of One Call Away Foundation, which helps veterans dealing with PTSD.



Agawam resident Celina Bozak was among many parents who took advantage of free child ID kits from the Elm-Belcher Masonic Lodge in Agawam. With her are her three children, from left, Gavin, 5, Aubree, 3, and Emaleigh, 7.



Three-year-old Finley Dunphy of West Springfield found the perfect spot to eat his snow cone, the fender of an Agawam DPW payload truck.



Agawam resident Jennifer Gilbert and her daughter EmmaAnn, 9, watch as Mandi Summers from Safe Kids of Western Massachusetts checks to make sure Gilbert’s child car seat is properly installed during National Night Out at School Street Park on Aug. 2.




Agawam Police officer John Field stands by one of the department’s police cruisers as he surveys the crowd at National Night Out.



Sgt. Erik Ramsland, a state trooper with the K-9 unit, is surrounded by kids who wanted to pet his canine partner, Vik. Ramsland and Vik later put on a demonstration showing how dogs like Vik assist police in fighting crime.



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The Games and Lanes property was listed for sale this summer. LOOPNET.COM IMAGE

INSET: David Peter examines a groundwater testing well in the parking lot of Games and Lanes in June. FILE PHOTO



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There's "no reason not to get good results" in the second, third and fourth tests, Peter said.

Testing shows that the plume of pollutants follows a northeastern course, toward the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge. The Agawam Towne Square shopping center does not appear to be affected, nor do the homes and businesses on Suffield Street.

Even the properties atop the plume should be affected only minimally by it, Peter said. The state has recorded an activity and use limitation on one of the properties, Tres Chic Salon at 339 Walnut Street Ext., which bans the property from being used as a residence, school or daycare center, unless future testing shows that the pollution has dissipated. The current level of contamination is considered acceptable for all business uses. A similar limitation has been proposed for one other property affected by the pollution, Peter said.

When Peter bought the property, he stated that his goal was to clean it up sufficiently to allow redevelopment, and then

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able, though even more activities should be available to members in the fall once members are more active following the summer vacation season.

Rackliffe said the summer has allowed a good chance for staff to become oriented with the changes from the former Agawam YMCA, but said the first couple of weeks were very challenging.

"In June, we had a huge number of people who came to change over their memberships from the Y," he said. "So we had to spend a lot of time working on getting 200 to 300 members going on our system."

Since then, the operation has been running smoothly and feedback has been positive.

"The feedback we get from our members is what drives us," said Rackliffe. "We decided to work to stay open because of the feedback from our members. They want a community center and gym that is local and that is theirs."

Agawam City Councilor Joseph Mineo is the CEO of the nonprofit family center's board of directors, and said he has been very happy with the transition.

**PARK ■ from page 1**

those found elsewhere in town. The structures are designed for children ages 2 and up, and will be built primarily with low-maintenance concrete.

As with all new playgrounds in town, the ground around the structures will be padded. Park benches and picnic tables will also be installed along with the new playground.

In March, Sparks described the Wade Park project as the first in a plan to establish more "neighborhood parks" in Agawam and Feeding Hills, now that the town has completed School Street Park.

"With the high population of children in that area, a neighborhood playground makes sense," Sparks said this week. "And the high number of people we have walking in that area. ... The next two closest playgrounds are all the way to Robinson [Park] Elementary School and Granger Elementa-

"I think it has been well," he said. "We have good Board of Directors that want this place to succeed and we are slowly bringing in new members."

The family center is still receiving some assistance from the Holyoke-based Valley Opportunity Council, which also helped fund some startup costs. Melendez said he could not put a number on how much assistance the Agawam center has received, and believes the partnership with the VOC will "always be there." He does believe a strong membership bump in September once summer vacations are over could make the family center "very successful."

With the success of the transition and already many members coming on board, Melendez is planning a fundraising event on Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. that will celebrate the success the center has already had.

In a cocktail party-style event, Melendez said those that attend will hear from members who will share stories of how the family center has helped them. Board members will also speak. The center will collect donations from those that attend and will put the funds toward future programs.

ry School, neither of which is in close proximity to that neighborhood."

The work is expected to cost \$180,000, with about \$125,000 of that coming from the town's Community Preservation Act funds, and \$50,000 from the Parks and Recreation Department gift account, which is funded by an annual donation from the Berkshire Power Plant in town. The remaining funds will come from the Agawam Housing Authority, which operates the Brady Village and Wade Village housing complexes on either side of the park.

Sparks said adding new neighborhood playgrounds is one of the goals of the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan. His department hasn't yet identified the next new playground to be built. The next big project, Sparks said, will be to renovate the playground at Perry Lane Park as a "tot lot." The Agawam Lions Club is currently raising funds to support that project.



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# SPORTS

## SOCCER

### Agawam B falls in quarterfinals

The Agawam B Summer Soccer team was defeated by Ludlow Ideal 5-0 in the quarterfinals of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League B Division playoffs. The Brownies were the No. 8 seed with a record of 6-4-1. Their B team consisted of last year's junior varsity and freshmen, and incoming freshmen for this coming fall.



Payton Lemke tries to corral a loose ball.



Eleni Mastromatteo looks to advance the ball up the field. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Cassidy Patterson sends the ball across the field.



McKayla Shean dribbles the ball.



Jasmine Pszezola passes the ball to her left.

## GOLF

### Garvin to compete in Jr. PGA championship

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – The 41st Junior PGA Championship presented by Under Armour and Genesis Networks – one of the elite events in junior golf – visits New England for the first time and will be contested at venerable Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford, R.I., Aug. 9 to 12.

An elite field of 156 players – 78 boys vying for the Jack Nicklaus Trophy and 78 girls competing for the Patty Berg Trophy – will tee it up at Wannamoisett, a distinct Donald Ross par-69 layout (par-71 for the girls in the field) that is steeped in amateur golf heritage.

Wannamoisett's storied past includes the 1931 PGA Championship – contested in a match-play format – and won by 20-year-old Tom Creavy, who edged Hall-of-Famer Denny Shute, 2 and 1, in the final.

Wannamoisett, since 1962, has also hosted the prestigious Northeast Amateur, whose champions include recent U.S. Open Champion Dustin Johnson, who won at Wannamoisett in 2007, along with other PGA Tour notables John Cook, Ben Crenshaw, Luke Donald, David Duval, Scott Hoch and Hal Sutton.

While the 2015 boys' Junior PGA Champion, Brad Dalke, is ineligible to defend his title (he now studies and competes collegiately at the University of Oklahoma), Elizabeth Wang of San Marino, Calif., will be at Wannamoisett with the hope of repeating in the girls division.

Wang edged Mariel Galdiano in a playoff last year at Miramont Country Club in Bryan, Texas. The spoils of Wang's win at Miramont last year included an exemption in June's ShopRite LPGA Classic, where she not only made the cut, but finished in a tie for 31st place (73-66-69 - 208) at 5-under par.

The Junior PGA Championship's field includes eight PGA Junior Series event champions, players from all 41 PGA Sections, many of the top players from the Golfweek/Sagarin Rankings and Polo Golf Rankings, as well as select national junior tournament winners. Nine of the juniors (six boys, three girls) playing in the Junior PGA Championship hail from New England.

Eight of the top-10 girl finishers last year return to the Junior PGA Championship, while 12 of



Angela Garvin will compete in the upcoming Jr. PGA Championship. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO SUBMITTED

## SOCCER

### Belchertown alums wrap up great summer season

By Tim Peterson

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

EAST LONGMEADOW - Even though the final outcome didn't go their way, just advancing to the semifinals of Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League was an outstanding accomplishment for the Belchertown Alumni women's soccer team.

The sixth-seeded Belchertown Alumni squad, who only had 11 players available to play in the semifinal match, lost, 5-0, against the second-seeded WMass Xtremes at East Longmeadow High School, last Wednesday night.

"We didn't have very many girls on our team this year, so I'm very glad that we were able to make it this far," said Bryanna Veroneau, who was the player/coach of the Belchertown Alumni squad. "This is the third year that we've had a team in this league and it's the farthest that we've ever made it in the playoffs."

The Belchertown Alumni squad, who entered the league

playoffs with an 8-5 record, defeated Here For Beer, 2-1, in the quarterfinals.

"That was just an awesome game for us the other night," Veroneau said. "Nobody expected us to beat them. It was our biggest win of the summer league season."

While most of the players listed on the Belchertown Alumni roster attended Belchertown High School, there were several other local soccer players on the team.

"I played soccer with most of these girls in high school," said Veroneau, who helped the Lady Orioles win two Western Mass. titles. "It's a lot of fun playing with them again in the summer."

Veroneau, who graduated from Belchertown High School a couple of years ago, is entering her junior year at Assumption College in Worcester. Instead of being a member of the Assumption women's soccer team, she's a member of the Greyhounds swimming team.

"I love being a member of the



# Sports

## Peoples bank fourth straight playoff championship

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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SOUTH HADLEY – A veteran team knows how to rebound when the chips are down and their normal approach to the game is not available to them.

PeoplesBank is that team and has been for the past four years.

Last Thursday night, the Bankers proved why they were the top team in the Tri-County Baseball League as they captured their fourth consecutive playoff championship, coming back from a Game 1 loss in the championship series, to win Game 2 7-2 and win the decisive Game 3 5-1 Thursday night at South Hadley High School.

Depth and the ability to attract a few new players each year to add to the veteran core has been the key to championship last year. Coach Fred Perry said he was not sure the team had everything it needed to reach the championship, but was proved right by the clutch way his team responded to a 3-1 loss at the hand of Easthampton Savings Bank on Aug. 1.

Following a rainout on Tuesday, Aug. 2, the Bankers were able to come back and scored a 7-2 win behind veteran starting pitcher Joe Popielarczyk.

On Aug. 4, Perry went to team veteran Danny Gaines, who pitched a no-hitter in last year's five-inning mercy-rule shortened final game. Gaines made it through the first five innings and had a 3-1 lead thanks to runs scored in the fourth inning by Joe Ferry and Tommy Bouvier.

The two helped get reliever Seth Allen some insurance in the bottom of the sixth inning when both would reach base with one out in the inning. Ferry would get aggressive and attempted to steal third base. An errant throw into the outfield would

allow Ferry to come around and score to make it 4-1.

Bouvier would later come around on a single by Dave Clark to make it 5-1.

Allen got into some trouble and the Bankers had three pitchers warming up in the bullpen behind him. Allen would get the first two outs easily before a pair of errors and a close walk on a 3-2 pitch loaded the bases.

But Allen, who has provided several clutch innings in relief this season, was able to get out of the jam when the final hitter grounded to Clark to end the ball game. Perry praised his team for not getting down when the Easthampton Savings Bank pitching got tougher as the series went on. Peoples has had a dominant offense all season, and getting held to single digits in runs was more the exception than the rule. Perry praised Easthampton's work in the series. "They have a very young team that could be the future of this team," said Perry. "But we have also been able to draw a few college kids to complement our roster."

This season, PeoplesBank added starting pitcher Bob Hamel, who pitched very well in Game 1 during a tough luck loss. Hamel is a graduate of Southwick Regional. Seth Sypniak, a graduate of Holyoke High School, also joined the team.

Seth and Sam Allen, both products of Central High School, joined mid-season last year. Seth Allen received a chance to contribute innings on the mound with Nick Noblit unavailable for most of the season. Allen pitched well in bit situations, including a great relief outing against rival St. Joe's.

Peoples also captured the regular season championship this season, going 19-1 during the regular campaign.



Designated hitter Ted Lerud connects for a hit. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Bob Hamel of Southwick pitches for PeoplesBank in Game 1 of the Tri-County Playoff Championship Series on Aug. 1.



Shortstop Ryan Franczek makes the throw to first.

### ALUMS ■ from page 10

swimming team at Assumption," she said. "We'll be trying to win the league championship title for the fourth year in a row this year. We just have a great group of girls on the swim team and a great head coach. I've never been a part of a team that's almost like a big family to me."

Veroneau's favorite swimming event is the 200-yard freestyle. Her personal best time in that event is 1 minute, 57 seconds. She's also a member of a couple of relay teams. She was a member of the Greyhounds 800-yard freestyle relay team, which captured the gold medal at the 2015 Northeast -10 Swimming and Diving Championships with a time of 7:41.54.

"I loved both swimming and playing soccer in high school, but I was a much better swimmer," Veroneau said. "It has been a lot of fun swimming in college."

The other former Belchertown girls soccer players, who played in the PVSSL semifinals, are Jill Cavanaugh, Alyssa Lund, Jillian Lund, Alexis Stockwell, Alaina Swift, Mackenzie Yelle, and Karley Hodge, who currently plays soccer at Curry College.

The two Granby players on the Belchertown Alumni roster are Kiley Baran and Megan Bachand, who's playing college soccer at Worcester State University.

"I played club soccer with Kiley and we're also good friends," Veroneau said. "I asked her to join this team and then she asked Megan to come play with us."

The other member of the Belchertown Alumni team, who played in the semifinals, was Iman Shehemi, who's from Agawam.

Veroneau is hoping to add a few more players to the summer league roster and she's also hoping her team can make it a little bit farther next year.



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## Blue Sox move to Northern Division championship series

HOLYOKE - It's a game that'll go down as a franchise defining game, with the Blue Sox overcoming four errors in the first four innings to find a way to win, walking off against North Adams on a passed ball in the ninth inning to secure their first Division Championship series berth in six years, 3-2

Three of the Blue Sox four errors resulted in unearned runs against Blue Sox starter Endy Morales - digging themselves an early 3-0 hole. As the gloves held steady and the bullpen cut the bleeding, the Blue Sox were able to gradually dig their way into a 2-3 deficit in the ninth inning.

The winning rally began with a slow grounder to second on the part of Cam O'Neill that resulted in the first out. As Tennessee center fielder Brodie Leftridge made it aboard and a double to right field from Southern New Hampshire's Zack Goldstein moved the runners to second and third, Southern California's C.J. Stubbs stepped up to the plate and laid down a push bunt that scored Leftridge and evened the game. A wild throw at 1st advanced Goldstein to third.

Then, with runners in scoring position, Towson RF Mark Grunberg stepped in to face North Adams Closer Tanner Bird, who blanked the Sox in last night's game two. It didn't take long, as Bird banded a third pitch fastball into the

dirt that clanged off Buffalo Catcher Kyle Brennan to plate Zack Goldstein for the win in the most unusual of circumstances.

### SteepleCats force a Game 3

The Blue Sox fell short Friday night in their bid to advance to the Northern Division championship, falling 3-1 to North Adams in another closely contested game.

North Adams Ace Braxton Wilkes held the Sox in check the majority of the night, throwing 18 of 25 first pitch strikes and throwing fewer than 80 pitches. Sox starter Alec Tuohy was also strong, going six innings, striking out four, walking two, and only allowing five hits.

North Adams' runs came in the fourth inning on a wild pitch that squirted up the third base line, allowing Eddie Haus to score. The second came on a lazer beam throw from Brodie Leftridge that bounced off the chest of USC catcher CJ Stubbs that plated another run. The SteepleCats added another in the seventh to conclude their scoring.

The Sox bats roped four balls to deep centerfield, three in the third inning alone that were chased down by North Adams center fielder Daniel Holst. three of which were spectacular catches. The Sox finally got on the board in the eighth and were able to get two or more runners once they got Wilkes out of the game.

### GARVIN ■ from page 10

the leaderboard's top 20 boys are scheduled to be at Wanamissett.

The Junior PGA Championship also provides a final opportunity for junior boys and girls to earn exemptions or points for September's Junior Ryder Cup, which will feature a 12-player United States of America team that will compete against a European squad at Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minn.

The girls' field will include Angela Garvin of Feeding Hills, Mass., who has been making noise throughout the region with recent performances.

She won the qualifier for the USGA Girls Championship with a 74 at Foxboro Country Club, has won the MIAA girls state championship, and placed second at the Liberty National Challenge cup event in New Jersey, the site of this year's President's Cup match.

Garvin is a member of the Agawam High School varsity golf team. She competed in several matches last year and will undoubtedly be poised for another great season with the Brownies as a sophomore.

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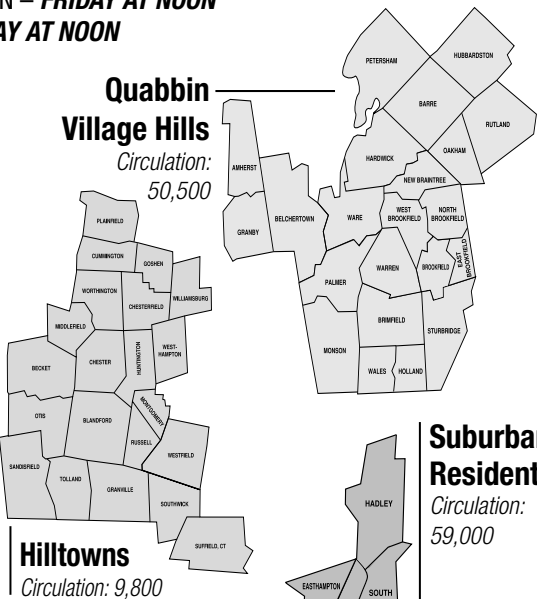
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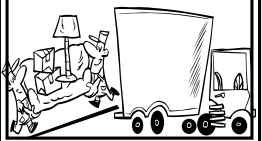
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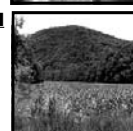
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# Our Town



## Join the band

**RIGHT:** Agawam resident Johanna Searles joined Korey Bruno, female vocalist and keyboardist for Cory & the Knightsmen, during the SummerFest free concert at School Street Park on Aug. 2.

As dusk fell, the band Cory & the Knightsmen took to the stage at the Darcy B. Davis Jr. Band Shell. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



Gary Musotti of Westfield and his grandson Andrew Searles, 1, listen to the music.



Many people who came to National Night Out stayed late at School Street Park to catch a free performance by a local band, Cory & the Knightsmen.

## Ace Hardware ranked 1st by J.D. Power

SPRINGFIELD — Rocky's Ace Hardware recently announced that its national brand, Ace Hardware, has been ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction among Home Improvement Retail Stores" for the tenth year in a row by J.D. Power and Associates.

Rocky's operates 35 Ace stores in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine and Florida, including one at 10 Springfield St., Agawam.

The J.D. Power study is based on responses from nearly 2,995 consumers who purchased home improvement products or services in the previous 12 months. Ace Hardware ranked highest among major retailers with an overall satisfaction index score of 810 on a 1,000-point scale. According to consumers, Ace performs particularly well in the categories of staff and service, as well as store facility.

The score is based on performance in five areas: merchandise, price, sales and promotions, staff and service, and store facility. Ace has captured this ranking every year since J. D. Power began surveying the home improvement industry.

"Given the impressive list of retailers with which we compete, in no way do we take our tenth consecutive J.D. Power award for granted," said John Venhuizen, president and CEO of Ace Hardware Corp. "My grateful and sincere thanks go to the consumers who have honored us with this award, the Ace team who never ceases to amaze me and most importantly, our frontline, red-vested heroes who so passionately serve our customers."

Rocky's Ace Hardware, a family-owned business

founded in 1926, is based in Springfield.

"I am proud that our store team members have accomplished this kind of consecutive consistency and excellence for the 10th year in a row," said Rocco Falcone II, president and CEO. "Our mission is to be the hardware store of choice in the markets we serve; this award recognizes our past achievements and helps us strive to earn the ranking in future years. As we celebrate our 90th year in business, I sincerely thank our loyal customers, as without them, none of this would be possible."

For more information on Rocky's Ace Hardware, visit [rockys.com](http://rockys.com). For more information on the J.D. Power study, visit [jdpower.com](http://jdpower.com).

## Resident joins staff at Amber Scene Clean

HOLYOKE — Amber Scene Clean in Holyoke has announced that Benjamin Fish, of Agawam, has been named its new environmental analyst and compliance specialist.

Fish holds a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science, and previously worked for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. His addition to Amber Scene Clean will introduce the company to new techniques in the field of environmental remediation, expand response proximity, and expedite the mitigation of spills in its expanding area of operation.

## Lioness aids scholars



The Agawam Lioness Club awarded three scholarships to graduating Agawam students in the amount of \$1,000 each. They are, seated from left, Samatha Swistak, Alexis Price and Victoria Thomas. Agawam Lioness Club members, back row from left, Bernadine Fortunato and Mickey Bandarra made the presentation. The scholarship money was raised through fundraisers such as trips to Mohegan Sun Casino, bake sales and special donations. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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## Scoops for troops

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club members recently hosted an Ice Cream Social for veterans at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. Seven club members and two mini-helpers scooped more than 100 bowls of ice cream which were topped off with chocolate sauce, whipped cream, sprinkles and a cherry and socialized with the men and women who came out for this evening of fun and friendship. To find out more about what the Agawam Juniors do or to attend a meeting, call Sarah at 719-651-3679. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Pub crawl to benefit St. Pat's Committee

The first Agawam St. Patrick's Committee "Half-way to St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl" will take place Saturday, Sept. 17.

Tickets are \$35 per person. Stops will be made at the American Legion, Murphy's Pub, Kaptain Jimmy's, the Still, the Scoreboard and the Buccaneer, all in Agawam. It will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will include live music, an ASPC Pub Crawl T-shirt, food, and surprise gifts from participating bars.

All proceeds will support the 2017 Agawam St. Patrick's Day Colleen float. For tickets, contact Laurie O'Connell at 413-519-1071 or Laurie822@comcast.net; Nicole Bertera at 413-537-4022, Kaitlyn O'Connell at 413-262-5772, Doug Reed at 413-478-3154 or Laurie Wright at 413-237-2205.



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